

# U. S. Bombs 4 Jap Cities

## Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor  
ALEX. H. WASHBURN  
Good Workman Worthy of His Hire

A contemporary paragrapher says: "The average man can make money by laying off and doing the carpentering and plumbing himself." In these days when a hammer or a monkey-wrench is more important than the ability to parse a book there is more truth than wit in what the paragrapher wrote.

## Corregidor Guns Silence Enemy Guns on Bataan

WASHINGTON—(P)—The War Department reported Saturday that Corregidor's guns silenced several additional enemy batteries and blasted roads and bridges on nearby Philippine Bataan Peninsula disrupting Japanese communications.

Japanese siege gun fire continued throughout Friday but intensity increased somewhat with little damage resulting.

Cebu, the island's second city was occupied by the invaders, the War Department said. The city was reported to be burning but fierce fighting continued on Cebu island, site of the city.

On the island of Panay also in the central Philippines enemy invasion forces meanwhile were being vigorously opposed by American and Philippine defenders.

## Commandos Plenty Tough

By DAVENPORT STEWARD  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent  
ATLANTA, Ga. — They don't call them American Commandos, but that is what the men of the U. S. Marines' Amphibious Corps really are. These Marine landing parties, trained not for defense, but for slashing attack, are virtually the same type of troops as the famed British Commandos.

To a public hungry for news of what our armed forces are doing, the 3d Marine point with unabashed pride to their amphibious organizations. Ever since the President announced the state of limited emergency in 1940, the Marine Corps has been training special troops as an assault force. Today they're ready.

These "American Commandos" are tough—make no mistake about it. They're trained in everything from just-in to the toughest major offensive. If the enemy doesn't want to play according to the Marines' rules, then the Marines will play his way—only better. For close-in fighting, they're taught to use either razor-edged knives or bayonets; they're taught to use knees, thumbs and feet if no weapons are left to them.

"There's nothing the British Commandos have that we haven't got," declares Major Melvin O. Frost, Marine Corps public relations officer for the South. "In fact, a substantial share of American-made landing party equipment has been going in steady stream to the British for many months."

They're Merchants of Sudden Death

Roughly, the Amphibious Force is divided into two organizations—the Atlantic and the Pacific Amphibious Corps. Included in each corps are sea soldiers, infantry, Marine aviation squadrons, Machine mechanized units and paratroopers, as the Marine Corps parachute troops are called.

As longer range landings effected only by open wheelboats, as was formerly the case. Today the Marines land dry shod under cover of a smoke screen with all the most modern equipment of blitz warfare.

The Marine amphibians are separate from other units of the Marine Corps in that the men are all highly trained specialists in sabotage and sudden death. Like all Marines, they must go through "boot" camp at Parris Island, S. C., or San Diego, Cal., but "after the similarity ends."

After six weeks of basic training, potential parachutists are sent to Lakehurst, N. J., for further training and toughening; the rest of the men selected for these outfits either continue at San Diego or are sent to New River, N. C.

Paratroopers are trained to step out of planes at extremely low altitudes. Each man is armed with pistol, knife and sack of hand grenades; each man knows how to cut high-tension wires safely, how to wreck complicated machinery; how to demolish bridges and buildings; and how to fight his way out of a tough spot.

Along a 20-mile stretch of beach in Onslow County, N. C., and along a once-populous beach near San Diego, the Marines are again shouting:

"Landing party awa-a-a-y!"

That's the command, say the Marines that will open the road to Tokyo; the

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## Hempstead Oil Test Is Center of Attention

By Special Correspondent  
STAMPS — Attention is being turned this week on the Hempstead county test drilled by Hygrade Producing Company at its Copeland No. 1 in section 32-14-24. Reports were current of Smackover lime encountered at rather a higher level than was expected. Total depth now is around 6,300 feet. The final outcome of the test should be determined in another week. Meanwhile the Midway field added another producer to its growing list this week in the Barnsdall Oil Company's Creek No. 1 section 10-15-24 which topped porosity at 6420 feet. The test was swabbed and cleaned then shut in to await construction of storage tanks. No official gauge has been made, but operators report it to be a good well.

A 12th producer is expected to be flowing by Sunday barring unexpected difficulty in Barnsdall's Roberts No. 1. Plug was drilled today, but operators say the test will probably require at least two or three days before final completion. Porosity was topped at 6420 feet. Total depth is 6470 feet.

Production pipe was being run Saturday at the Company's Roberts No. 2 section 11-15-24 which topped the saturation at the high of 6313 feet revealing interest in the field. Total depth is 6463 feet. A production test will probably be made some time next week.

Other activities in the Midway area include: Gene Goff's McClain No. 1 section 14-15-24 drilling at 5300 feet. Barnsdall's Roberts No. 3 same section was below 3800 feet.

Three new locations were announced by Barnsdall for the field this week, 10-15-24, the Roberts No. 4 and No. 5 in section 11-15-24, east wells. Roads are now being constructed to these locations. Southwood Oil Company also expects to begin next week at its Hodnett No. 1 in section 18-15-24.

Six miles south of the McKemie field, McAlister Fuel Oil Company continues to drill at its Jeffus No. 1 wildcat in section 4-19-23. A total depth of 10,218 feet has been reached, making it the deepest by far of any test ever drilled in this state.

In the McKemie field, Carter Oil Company expects to begin by the first of the week at its Marble Hanes No. 3 in section 36-17-23.

A new location was announced this week by Tidewater Associated to be known as the Bendow No. 1 section 32-17-24. Only one well has been drilled in that area which is a good six miles west of the McKemie field.

## Wilson Shoots Perfect Score

Jim Wilson of Columbus made sure there would be no more "ham" trouble at the Wilson Skeet shoot Friday by racking up a perfect score of 50, thereby winning his own award.

Other high scores were:

Shot at 50	50
Jim Wilson	49
Ray McDowell	49
W. L. Davis	49
Charlie Wilson	48
Beck Morgan	46
Bud Price	46
Johnnie Wilson	45
Kerna Howard	43
Leo Robins	41
Jimmy Scott	40
Rob Buxter	40
Gib Lewis	37
Mary Wilson	36
Leo Ray	36
Bill Somerville	35
O. J. Johnson	34
P. D. Baxter	32
Shot at 25	22
Dr. Scoggins	22
Henry Rochelle	18
Mrs. Scott	17
Luey Rochelle	7

## No Sevastopol Gun Metal

LONDON—(P)—Victoria Crosses will no longer be made from guns captured at Sevastopol during the Crimean war but they will still remain the highest award a British soldier may win for outstanding bravery.

When Queen Victoria instituted the decoration 86 years ago she decreed it should be made from cannons captured by British forces at Sevastopol. The order was strictly followed but now that supply of metal has become exhausted.

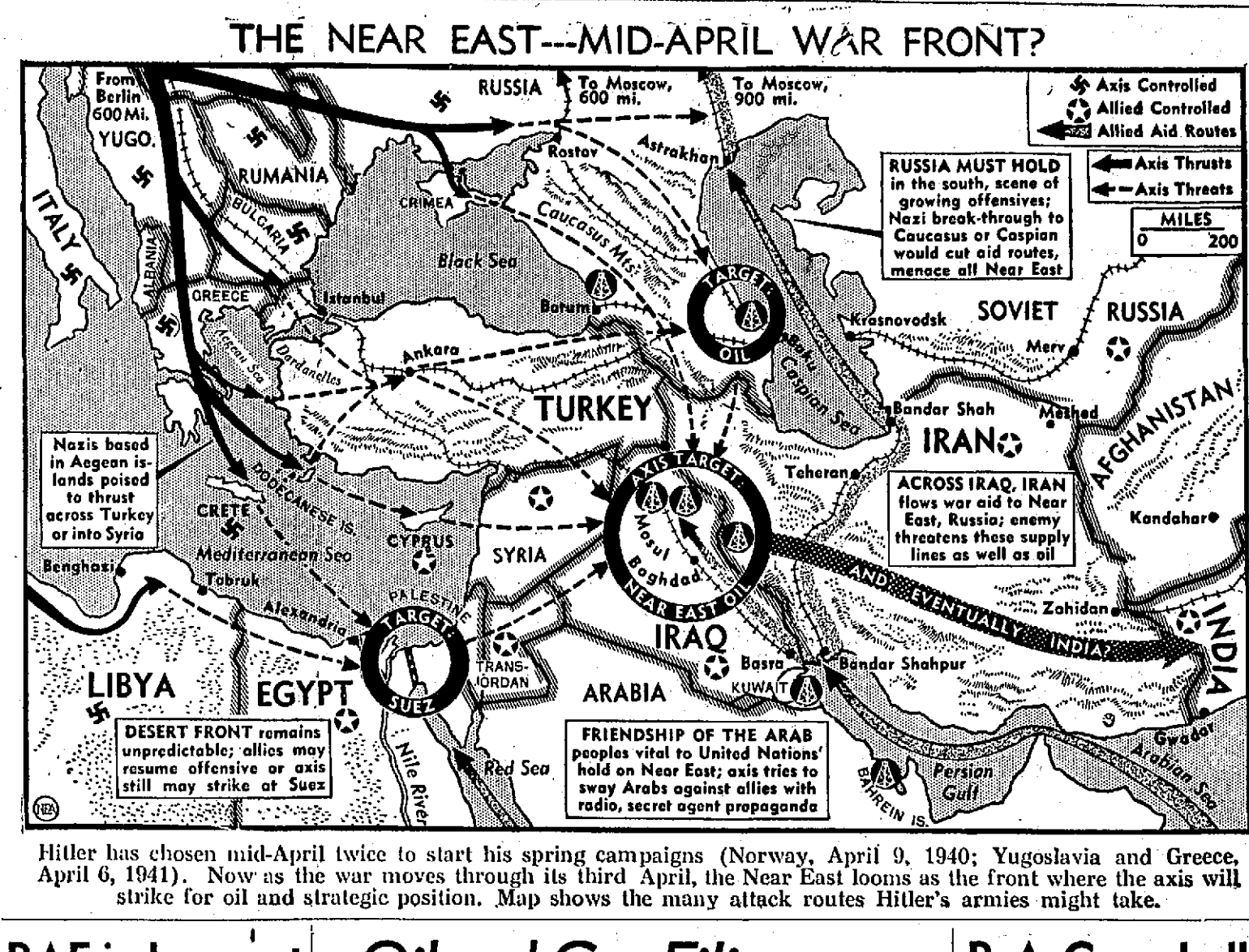
"In future the Maltese crosses will be made from gun metal supplied by the Mint," said the director of the jewelry concern which has been making the decorations since days when first one awarded Midshipman Charles David Lucas for throwing a live shell from the deck of his ship into the Baltic sea in 1854.

Locked in the strong room of the jeweller who makes the crosses is a ledger recording names and deeds of the nearly 1,190 winners of the award.

## Wrong-Way Valve Wastes 4,000 Gallons

SALISBURY, Md.—(P)—A faulty valve, working in reverse, caused a real gasoline shortage right on top of a 20 per cent sales restriction ordered for the east coast.

The valve, on an overflow pipeline from a storage tank, somehow converted itself into a siphon and before the faulty connection was discovered, some 4,000 gallons had been drained from the tank onto the ground. An officer of the firm said the valve "just started working the wrong way."





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## Salesman Wanted

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## We, the Women

"Face the Facts—Your Living Standards Will Be Reduced"

By RUTH MILLETT

American housewives have one of the biggest jobs of the war.

And they shouldn't waste any time getting at it in real earnest.

They are going to have to do something more than complain about increased taxes and higher prices. They are going to have to let the truth sink in and then work out their problem from there.

The truth, as Treasury Tax Consultant Randolph Paul recently told the House Ways and Means Committee, is that it is going to be impossible to preserve during the war the present living standards of Americans, even of those who now spend every cent of their earnings for so-called necessities.

The problem of the housewife—is to see that the family income is spent in such a way that a reduced standard of living does as little harm as possible.

Don't Be "Penny Wise, Dollar Foolish"

That is too big a problem for a housewife to try to work out by haphazard thrift, such as saving a penny here and a penny there and then turning around and spending a dollar foolishly.

The only way the housewife can see

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Toil, Bloodshed Mark Soviet Development

GROWTH of the modern Soviet Union to a position of power among the quarreling family of nations, has taken more than 40 years of toil, defeat, and bloodshed.

The stamp above, issued in 1930, commemorates the first revolution in 1905 which solidified revolutionary elements dissatisfied with the hopelessly inadequate rule of Czar Nicholas II and the unpopular Russo-Japanese War, in which the unprepared Russians were defeated.

Liberal groups banded together and worked out a petition asking for "inviolability of person, freedom of conscience, of speech, of press, of association, and equal rights." The czar, however, made vague promises—later unkept—to summon the "worthiest persons" to aid in the shaping and discussing of laws.

On Sunday, Jan. 9, 1905, thousands of workmen, led by a priest, marched with icons to the czar's winter palace to speak with "their czar." Nicholas was absent and his picked palace troops fired on the crowd, killing about a thousand.

Later the army ruthlessly dispersed other revolutionary movements and open rebellion was checked until 1917.

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## Political Announcements

The Star is authorized to announce the following as candidates subject to the action of the Hempstead County Democratic primary election:

Sheriff & Collector  
FRANK J. HILL  
CLARENCE E. BAKER

County & Probate Clerk  
LEO RAY

Tax Assessor  
JOHN RIDGILL

Representative (No. 1)  
WILLIAM H. (BILL) ETTER

Representative (No. 2)  
EMORY A. THOMPSON

that her family gets the very most out of every dollar it takes in, is to keep an accurate record of all expenditures, figure out which ones are necessary to the family's health and ultimate good, cut out everything that can be cut out, and figure out ways of shaving necessary expense to a minimum.

Sue's music lessons may have to go for milk, and a good address may have to be given up for a more convenient one, and Mama may have to go to school to learn how to contrive an adequate diet out of what she has to spend on food.

It is going to make the job of house-keeping harder than ever, because the thrifty way is usually not the easy way.

The housewives of America simply must face the facts we're in a tough war—and that their living standards will be lower.

But if the housewives of America do not put their homes on a business-like basis their families are going to suffer more than is necessary from their reduced living standard. If the housewives do see that every dollar buys as much health and welfare as possible, they will be doing one of the really important jobs of the war.

## Puppets Entrance Squaw With Dance

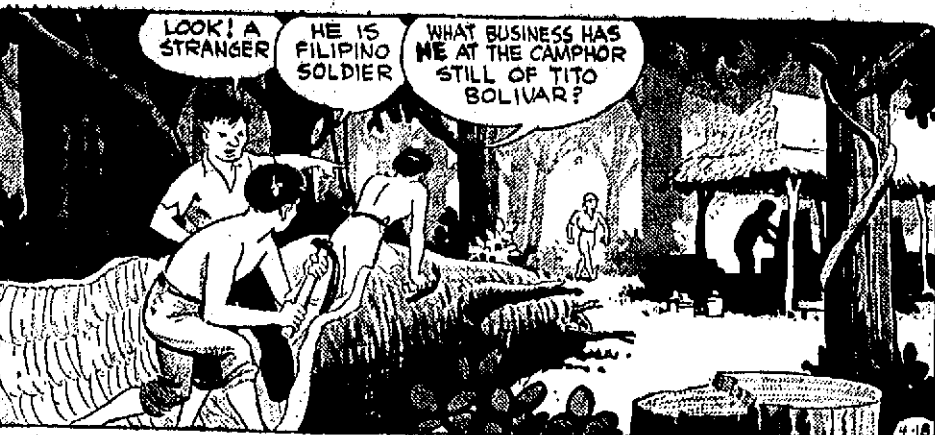
SHERIDAN, Wyo.—(AP)—A stolid, expressionless Indian squaw stood watching an animated reproduction, in miniature, of a Crow Indian ceremonial dance. The tiny, dancing puppets were authentic to the last detail.

One hour went by. Then two. Then three. The stolid woman still stood watching.

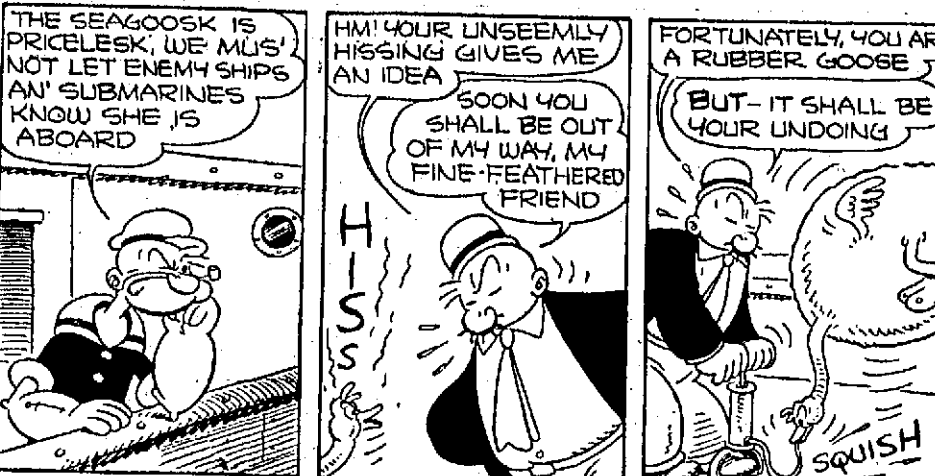
Finally she turned to A. L. Nixon, creator and owner of the miniature show.

"Very good," she said through an interpreter. And walked out.

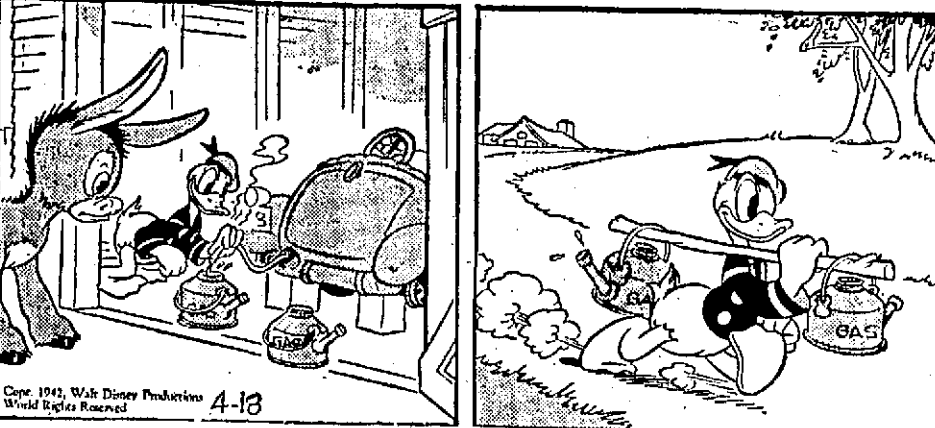
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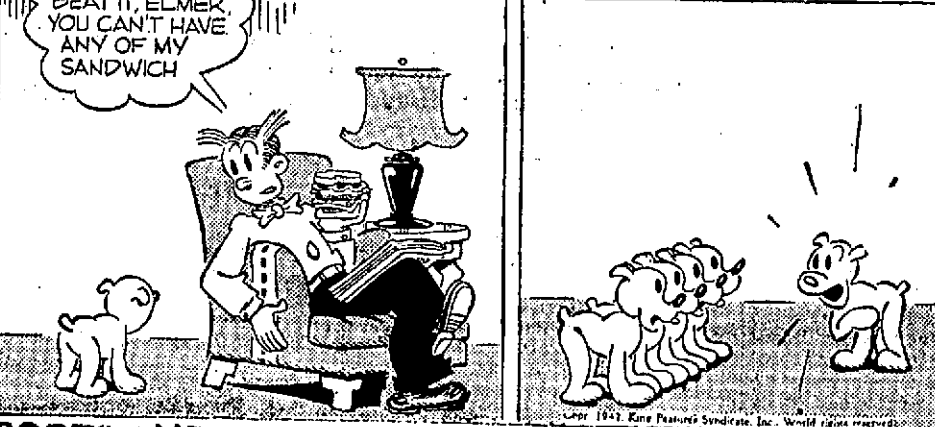
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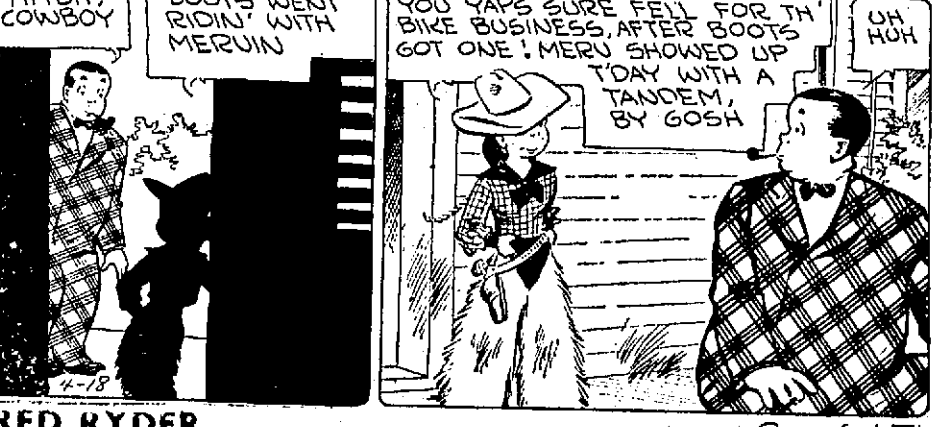
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES



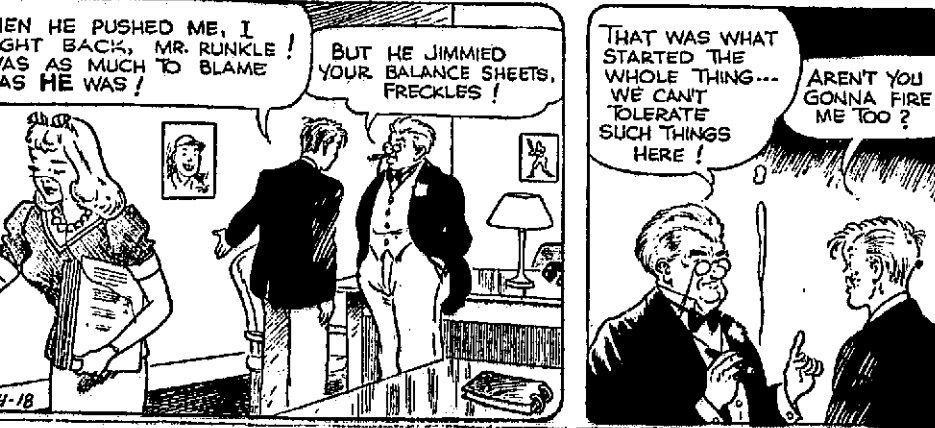
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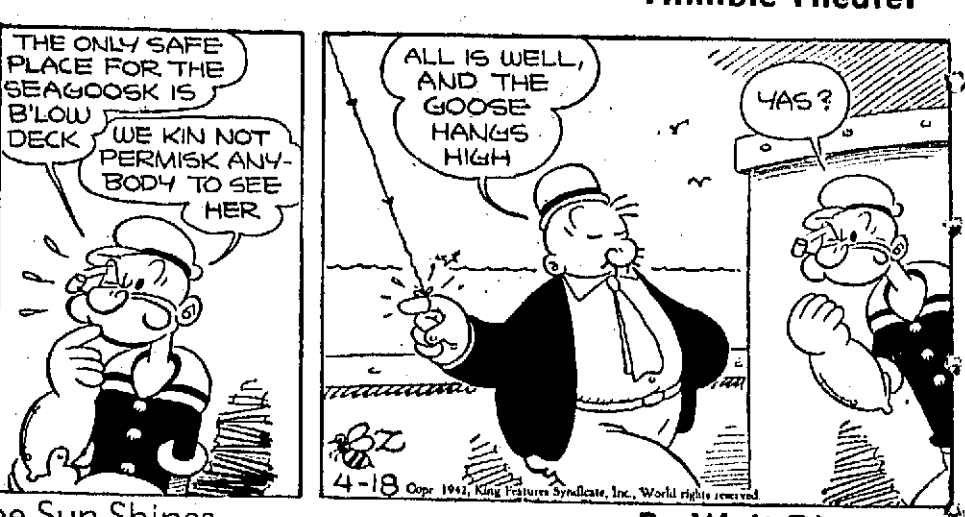
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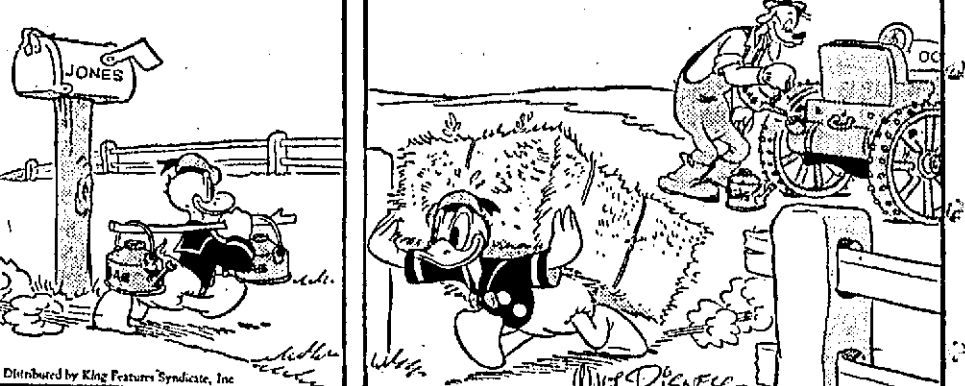
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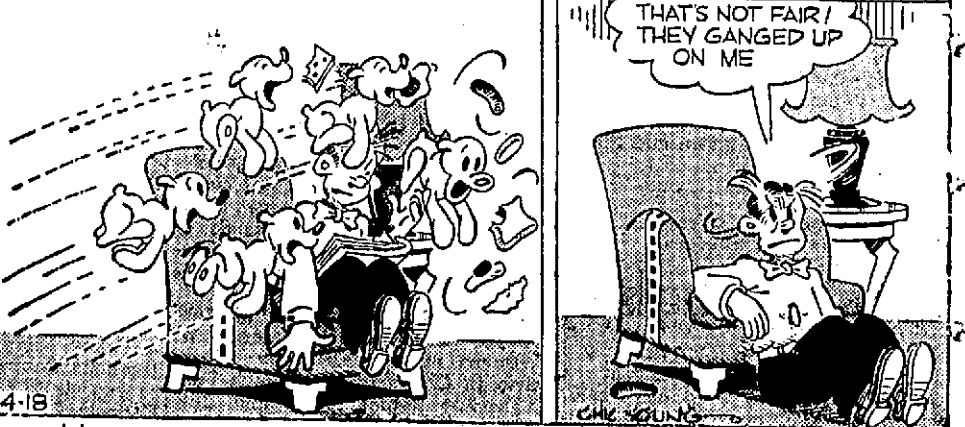
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By Walt Disney



By Chic Young



By Edgar Martin



By V. T. Hamlin



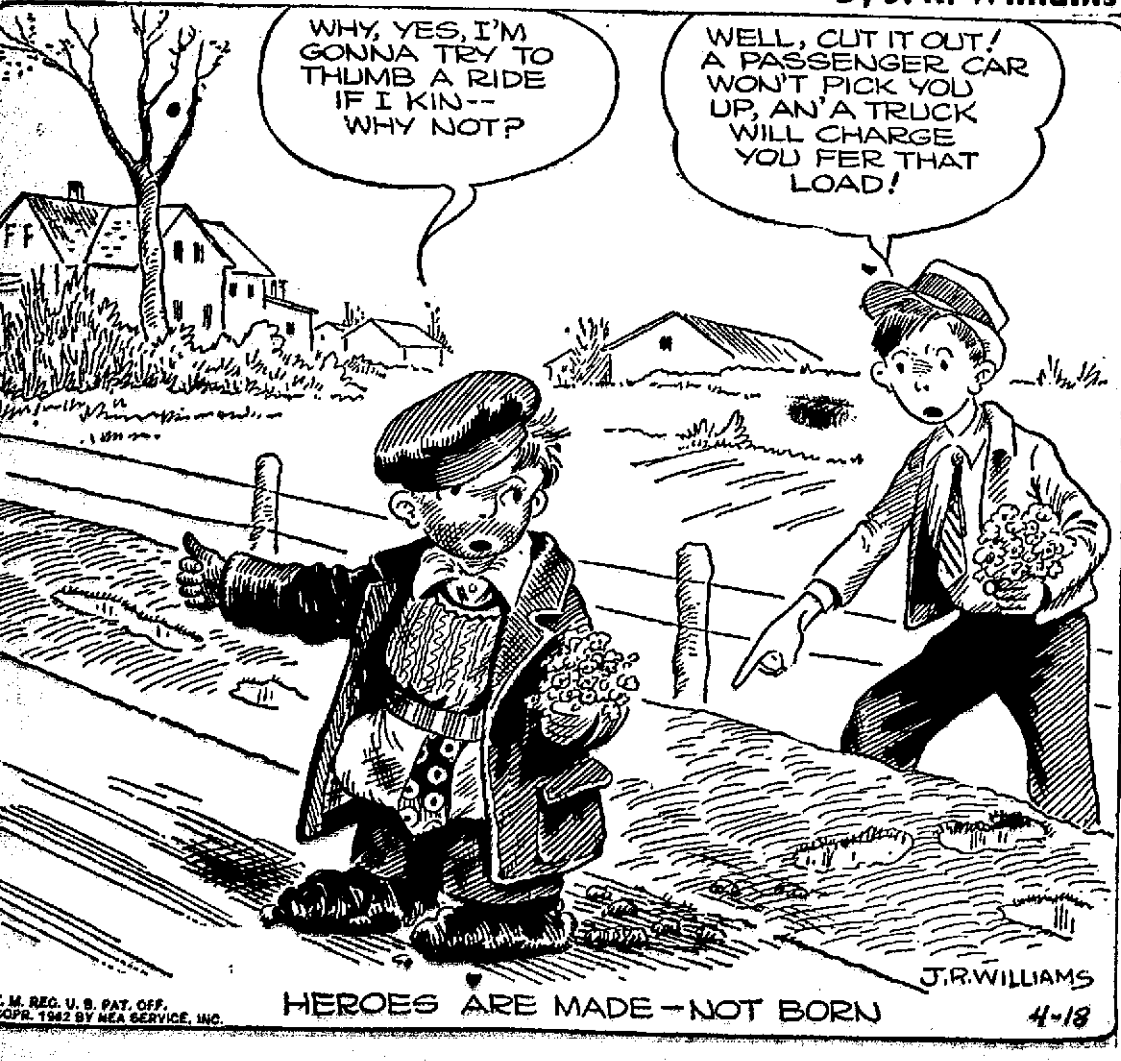
By Fred Harman



By Merrill Blosser



## OUT OUR WAY



By J. R. Williams



# SOCIETY

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## Social Calendar

Monday, April 20th

The Mission Study class of the Women's Society of Christian Service will meet at the First Methodist church, 2:30 o'clock.

Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church, the church, 3 o'clock.

Circle No. 1 of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Cecil Weaver, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 2 of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Noah Hobbs, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 3 of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. J. H. Walker, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 4 of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Harry Shiver, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 5 of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Ira Yocom, 2:30 o'clock.

Circle No. 6 of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church, home of Mrs. Franklin Horton, 3 o'clock.

Tuesday, April 21st

Gardenia Garden club, Mrs. R. D. Franklin and Mrs. R. V. Herndon, Sr., hostesses.

Miss Beryl Henry on State B. and P. W. Club Program

At the state meeting of Business and Professional Women's clubs being held in Camden this weekend, Miss Beryl Henry will introduce the principal speaker, Mrs. Grace Fitzgerald of Dallas, Texas, chairman of the national membership committee of B. and P. W. clubs.

Miss Fitzgerald has practiced law in Texas since 1918.

Miss Zuelia Collier and Miss Mary Claude Fletcher will also attend the conference.

Lilac Club Luncheon Is Event of Thursday

An arrangement of the purple iris and spirea centered the large luncheon table at the Hotel Henry Thursday at 1 o'clock, when the Lilac Garden club had their spring luncheon.

## RIALTO

MIDNIGHT PREVIEW SATURDAY 11:15

## "SONG OF THE ISLANDS"

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## No 'Best Date' for Planting Corn Crops

There is no "Best date" for planting corn, reports Oliver L. Adams, county agent.

Long-time studies conducted by the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture on dates of planting corn show that no best date for planting corn can be determined in advance, because yields of corn are dependent to a large extent on weather conditions, which vary from year to year.

Tests conducted at the College's Cotton Branch Experiment Station show that in 1928 the best yields by Paymaster were obtained from a planting made on April 15. The yield was 59.1 bushels per acre. Plantings made on May 15 yielded 35.4 bushels per acre, while June 1 plantings yielded 45.7 bushels per acre. In 1934, however, the results were entirely different. The June 1 planting led with a yield of 35.2 bushels per acre, while the May 15 and April 15 plantings gave 20.7 and 19.1 bushels per acre, respectively. The May 15 plantings were best in 1938 with a yield of 31.6 bushels per acre, compared to 21.9 bushels per acre for the June 1 planting and 22.6 bushels per acre for the April 15 planting.

Similar results, which have been obtained at other locations where dates of planting tests have been conducted, prove that the most practical way of ensuring a corn crop is to divide the acreage to be planted into at least three parts: One part to be planted early, one part to be planted late, and the third part to be planted at an intermediate date, the county agent said.

The Palace of the Governors in Santa Fe, now a museum, was built in 1610 and saved a seat of government nearly 300 years.

Arizona's stand of timber has been estimated at 20,000,000,000 board feet, 85 per cent of which is ponderosa pine.

Rock is in the city for a week-end visit with relatives and friends.

Dr. P. B. Carrigan has as his guests the following: Mr. Duke Kennon, with his assistant Walter Kinsley from the Zoological Gardens in Milwaukee, Wis. Also Mr. M. J. R. Lentz and his assistant, Virgil Turner, from the St. Louis Zoo. These parties are doing some work in Hempstead County searching for the 4 venenous reptiles and other specimens which have been located in this section of the state.

Misses Marie and Nannie Purkins and Mrs. Glen Williams have the following week-end guests: their cousin, Richard B. Elam of Richmond, Va. Judge and Mrs. DuVal L. Purkins and daughter, Nancy Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Love and little daughter, Marion, all of Warren, Ark.

## Personal Mention

Mrs. Royce Weisenberger and Miss Mary Claude Fletcher are home from Hot Springs where they attended the state P. T. A. meeting.

The following Methodist ladies were in Nashville Friday attending the district conference: Mrs. Annie Erwin, Dell McClanahan, and Mrs. H. O. Kyler. A missionary to Brazil, Miss Mary McSwain, was the guest speaker.

Charles Segner, who sailed three weeks ago for the British West Indies has arrived safely according to a cablegram received by his mother, Mrs. Harry Segner.

Paul Waddle of the University of Oklahoma, Norman, is spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cloud Waddle.

Mrs. Albert Green of Columbus, Kansas and Mrs. Cal Gorham of Pittsburg, Kansas have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Cobb and other relatives. They returned to their homes via Hot Springs.

James Williams attended left Friday for Dallas to attend the opera.

Miss Mary Delia Carrigan of Little

## FRANTIC WEEKEND

By EDMUND FANCOTT

THE STORY: Ferdy Lorton, artist, has invited Myra Mack, her soldier brother Michael and her 17-year-old sister Peggy for a weekend at his country house near Montreux, Switzerland. Myra, also a soldier, will be another guest. Myra thinks of asking a pretty young officer when she and Nigel have seen on a train.

### ENTER FAY RANSOM

#### CHAPTER IV

PEGGY'S excitement over the weekend suddenly faded to dismay, and her gamin-pretty face melted into a pout.

"But Myra!" she wailed. "I've got nothing at all to wear!"

"If you've got glamorous ideas about this house party, check them at the lipstick counter," replied her sister. "You won't need anything more fetching than your swim suit — especially if the weather is as cooking as it's been today."

But Myra's glance was gentler than her words. Here was another "baby" of the family suddenly grown up, just as Michael seemed to have done. And this no-longer-child, if not exactly beautiful, was certainly dangerously attractive. And more. She had a kind of vitality that made one feel she was charged with electricity. Her dark hair fell in natural curls about the nape of her neck, and with her blue-green eyes there was more than a suggestion of the piquancy of Vivien Leigh.

It was odd, thought Myra, that she had never noticed that resemblance before. It boded no good for some man—or men. She wondered what went on behind that lively face. One got so much in the habit of thinking of one's own family as just a collection of younger brothers and sisters that one often forgot they had lives of their own and were living their own thoughts and feelings independently of the rest of the family.

"No," said Myra, wondering whether it would be wise after all to take her sister away, "you needn't worry about clothes. The place is buried miles away from anywhere."

"That just shows how little you know about anything," replied Peggy with a toss of the head.

Myra's eyebrows lifted, but she said nothing more.

THE next day Myra was sent again to the office of Mr. Ransom. And again she saw the copper-headed girl at a desk. There was something familiar about her that puzzled Myra and she could not place it. Something that made the girl seem out of place at a desk. However, she greeted her with a smile and the girl was equally cordial.

Myra stopped on impulse.

"Do you remember that officer you saw me with on the train yesterday?"

The girl blushed faintly and Myra decided that she was an irresistible urge toward matchmaking was upon Myra and she pressed her question. "We are going up to Ferdy Lorton's place this weekend. The artist, you know. I was wondering if you would care to join us? It's all very informal, but he has an aunt up there who looks after the place and as an alibi for anxious parents—if your parents are the anxious kind."

Again the girl smiled slightly and again Myra wondered what it was about her that she could not place.

"Don't bother to let me know now," said Myra. "Telephone me at the office if you would care to join us."

That afternoon Myra telephoned Ferdy.

"I've hooked her," she said. "She called half an hour ago to say she would come."

Ferdy laughed. "What is her name?"

"Fay Ransom, daughter of the stockbroker."

Ferdy whistled at the other end of the telephone. "Fay Ransom?"

"Do you know her?" asked Myra. But Ferdy was in a Puckish mood. He laughed aloud and rang off.

"Darn you," mumbled Myra into the buzzing telephone. "What are you up to, Ferdy Lorton?" She shrugged and replaced the receiver. Wasn't Fay likely to be enough of a problem, without adding mystery to the plot?

Myra's place in the lovely Laurentians was just 60 miles from Montreal, yet as secluded as if it had been built upon the highest crag in the Canadian wilds. Tucked away off the beaten track in a countryside of dirt roads, lakes and wooded hills, it was a fairly large estate and had a home farm complete with a French-Canadian family who did

the chores for Ferdy. The house itself was a low, sprawling affair which had grown charmingly as extra space had been added to the original cottage. It was set on a great outcrop of rock at the very top of a low hill, and its windows gazed out on every side over the treetops of thickly wooded hillsides.

It was comfortably furnished and equipped because Ferdy spent a great deal of his time there, working outdoors or painting in the studio built onto the house while his aunt attended to the housekeeping.

He arrived there alone a day before he expected his guests and announced to his aunt that she could expect a houseful of guests for the weekend.

She looked at her favorite nephew with a quizzical smile. "Well, it's nice to know in advance. Usually you arrive unannounced bringing hordes of strange people with you."

She was a small woman, so completely composed under all circumstances that it seemed as if the calm of the Laurentian country had become an essential part of her nature. Conveniently, too, she was thoroughly conditioned to Ferdy's whimsies in the way of guests.

"Do I know any of the people who are coming up?" she asked.

Ferdy wandered around the wide lounge, across to the plate glass window that filled an alcove and gave an uninterrupted view of a great sweep of country.

"Yes. There is at least one you like, Myra Mack."

"Ha," replied his aunt. "I hope nothing is going to happen then."

"What on earth do you mean?" asked Ferdy with a grin.

"You know very well," said his aunt. "She is a very nice girl with a lot of character, but every time she comes here something extraordinary happens. Who else?"

Ferdy listed the others. His aunt listened patiently.

"Must you always be asking complete strangers up here?"

Ferdy grinned. He turned back to his aunt and lifted a cautioning finger at her. "You know very well you are as bad as I am. You always say that nothing is so fascinating as the latest crop of young things. I'm merely pondering to your curiosity and bringing up a fair selection."

She smiled her admission of what he said. "True. All the same, that Mack girl has a flair for complications. We'll have anything from a circus to a triple wedding before this weekend is over."

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## 'Song of Islands' Opens at Saenger Theater on Sunday



Betty Grable, Victor Mature and Jack Oakie in the colorful musical comedy of Hawaii, "Song of the Islands"

## Harrison in Hollywood

By PAUL HARRISON, NEA Service Correspondent

### Rough Stuff Enters I-Love-You Dept.

HOLLYWOOD — The movie scripters, chafing in the isolation of their dream world, are doing their best these days to put excitement into the new pictures. Not only is there action in romance, but generally a note of violence in the initial boy-meets-girl situations.

Consider the first meeting of Paulette Goddard and Fred MacMurray in "The Forest Rangers." He arrives in town during a Frontier Days parade. Miss Goddard, riding in a dude cow-girl outfit, is thrown from a bucking horse, lands on MacMurray and knocks him sprawling. That's their introduction. A few minutes later they are lassoed and hauled up on a float representing a jail, and the judge orders Fred to propose. By evening they're looking for a real judge to marry them.

Some day perhaps a daring writer will bring his hero and heroine together with a formal introduction: "Miss Doakes, may I present Mr. Zilch?" Just now, however, it's much more conventional to have Mr. Zilch drift out of the sky on a parachute and settle neatly beside Miss Doakes as she speeds along in an open roadster.

### He Who Gets Slapped

At the very least, the man should get his face slapped at first acquaintance—as in "Pardon My Strangeness," when Robert Paige is being given a send-off party by his numerous girl friends before he starts on a yacht race. He kisses 'em all good-bye, but when he kisses Virginia Bruce whom he never had met before, she hauls off and knocks him spinning.

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## U.S. Carves Air Line in Jungles

By PETER EDSON

WASHINGTON—It will take six tons of strawberry jam to keep in operation the new U. S. aerial supply route across Africa, during its first year. No, not for the jam—for the men who have carved this airline out of the jungles and, for the personnel they will transport from the Congo on Africa's west coast to Egypt and the Middle East.

The full story of this military supply route and its development can't be told till after the war is over. But enough can be revealed now—including that vital strawberry jam statistic—to show that this is one of the most striking and successful chapters of the U. S. war effort thus far.

Sixty-one days after the President announced this route, last August, the first plane covered its 2500 miles or more across jungle and desert. And now, a mere seven months after the conception of the idea, it is a full fledged transcontinental airline with all the trimmings, including 144 garbage cans, a couple pianos, a couple billiard tables, five dozen shoeshine kits, 1220 ash trays, 28 dozen sheets and 750 cups of beer, coke and fizz water, to mention some of the crazier and more unrelated items.

Entire Personnel is Handpicked Organization of this job came under General Robert Olds of the U. S. Air Forces Ferry Command, who supervises the route, schedules, priorities and flow of supplies over this artery to the east. Pan American Airways has provided much of the manpower, built the airbases along the route and aided in operating the service.

The hundreds of men required to put the line in service were all handpicked and the search for additional personnel is still on. Every man had to be in perfect health, pass a rigid physical examination and then be inculcated nine times. Pilots had to have 800 hours. The medical contingent under Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall had to know about tropical diseases. At one time last fall a third of the force was down with malaria. That has been reduced to less than 1 per cent.

The supply problem was tremendous. Every nail, screw, stick of lumber, spool of thread, hospital and machine shop had to be assembled in the United States and shipped to Africa. Pre-fabricated houses weighing 44 tons each, five thousand cases of construction equipment, 2000 cases of electrical equipment and machinery, 5000 bundles of structural steel and a million board feet of lumber made up some of the bulkier items.

It was decided to ship a full year's supply of food with the expedition. Consequently, dietitians were called in and a full year's menus were worked out. Meals are repeated only three times a month, but just the same, the cooks know what the men will be eating come Fourth of July.

### World War I Ace Is Boss

In the African pantry are a thousand cases of dry groceries, 75 tons of household equipment, 370 cases of flour, 15 tons of shortening, 12 tons of hams, three tons of turkey, and so on. To preserve it, 400 cases of refrigeration equipment and, incidentally, 28 cans of roach powder. Other pets to battle are snakes, scorpions, gazelles and lions. One of the native cooks gets up and shoots a gazelle for breakfast every morning, and the word that comes back is that he cooks it in a pot with such distinctive flavoring that those who try it once never ask for it again.

Boss of the Pan-American contingent in Africa is a unique character named George Grainger, a Yugoslavian who was an ace in the first World War and has held a pilot's license for 28 years. He has 12,000 hours in the air to his credit, three-fourths of it acquired over the jungles, deserts and mountains of Mexico, Central and South America, which made him a natural choice for the African operations job.

A mechanic good enough to keep a 1925 automobile going till he traded

doctor and dentist. Children should be vaccinated for smallpox and immunized to diphtheria before they are a year old. In addition to that they need a booster dose of diphtheria toxoid some time later. Parents should be particularly careful about children's visits to doctors and dentists now, because soon there may be a dearth of both, due to the fact that they will have been called into service."

A Million Children Dr. Baugartner (Ph.D. and M.D., Yale University) is a pediatrician of note. The bureau she now heads supervises the care of more than 1,000,000 children of school age and 90,000 under school age every year.

"American children are much healthier now than they used to be, and more babies live to grow up," she says. "In 1915 out of every 1,000 live births in this country 100 babies died in the first year. In 1940 in the same number of live births, only 47 died."

"The health of children should be one of the first concerns of a community, yet there are people today who refuse to contribute to community funds used for that purpose because they are 'contributing everything to war bonds.'"

Elsa Rogo, California-born painter and art teacher, believes "children plus paint can contribute materially to the betterment of international relations and understanding." (Miss Rogo is now exhibiting in New York children's paintings done by her classes in Mexico and Vermont.)

"By depicting and sending their paintings back and forth, children of different countries can jump language barriers, and show each other the world in which they live," she says. "Then, when they grow up they feel more friendliness and understanding for each other."

"American children are showing more interest in painting than formerly. Among them there is talent to turn out great masterpieces if they are properly trained and stimulated. Children have already made a great contribution to art in general. Picasso and Klee have been much influenced by the simplicity and freshness of approach of children's paintings, and by children's tendency to paint an idea rather than just an object."

## Who Said We Wooden Have Bikes?



Two Los Angeles youngsters demonstrate a bicycle built of wood to meet the shortage of bikes. Three metal bolts hold the vehicle together and it runs on tires of reclaimed rubber.

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command that will reestablish U. S. Marines on Wake Island. It's the command that since 1776 has sent Leathernecks charging up beaches from Tripoli to Iwo Jima. It will come after planes have cleared the sky of enemy aircraft, as big guns of the fleet pulverize enemy positions ashore, and bombing planes roar ahead to support landing parties.

First will come the speedy patrol boats, zigzagging in at upward of 50 miles an hour. Just off the beach, they'll swing to port and starboard and begin to spew out a smoke screen. Through this will race "Eureka" boats loaded with infantrymen. Under their own power, these boats skid out of the water. From them, Marine landing parties fan out in line of skirmishers.

As the infantry rushes up the beach, seeking to cut its way through barbed wire and other obstacles, "crocodile" boats or tank lighters ram the beach and 12 1/2-ton tanks, guns blazing, roll ashore with supporting armored cars and 75 mm. artillery. Behind the tanks and artillery come

it in just before going to Africa, a horseman of such zeal that he has taken to riding camels, a big, hardworking confirmed bachelor who drives himself so hard that he gets up at 5 a. m. daily and gets everyone else up, too, a large part of the credit should go to him for actually putting the trans-African airline into operation with such amazing speed.

the "alligators," those amphibian tractors that take deep water marsh pavement and forest in their stride. They "swim" in under their own power, bringing men or supplies.

Meanwhile the transport planes are roaring overhead, with machine guns tumbling out by scores or hundreds. Behind the chutists come their "chute-borne anti-tank guns and machine guns. From the planes, artillery observers radio the Navy offshore the range and location of strong points which landing parties have been unable to crack.

That's the Marines' pattern for paving the road to Tokyo.

The Papuans, residents of Manus Island, until recently cannibalistic, now cultivate coconuts and pearl fishing.

Coal supplies the essential ingredients for many of the plastics used today in aircraft construction.

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